

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1, 13, 14, 15 and 18.

Attachment: Replacement sheets

 Annotated sheet showing changes

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are currently pending in the present application, with claims 1-3, 6 and 7 being amended and new Claims 22-29 being added.

Applicants hereby submit corrections to the specification and the drawings to correct certain informal errors; no new matters are added.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have amended the claims to further clarify the claimed inventions, and respectfully submit that the amended claims are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

New Claims 22-29 have been added to further claim details of the present invention, and are respectfully submitted as patentable over the prior art of record.

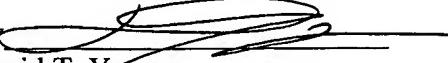
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket

no.393032044400. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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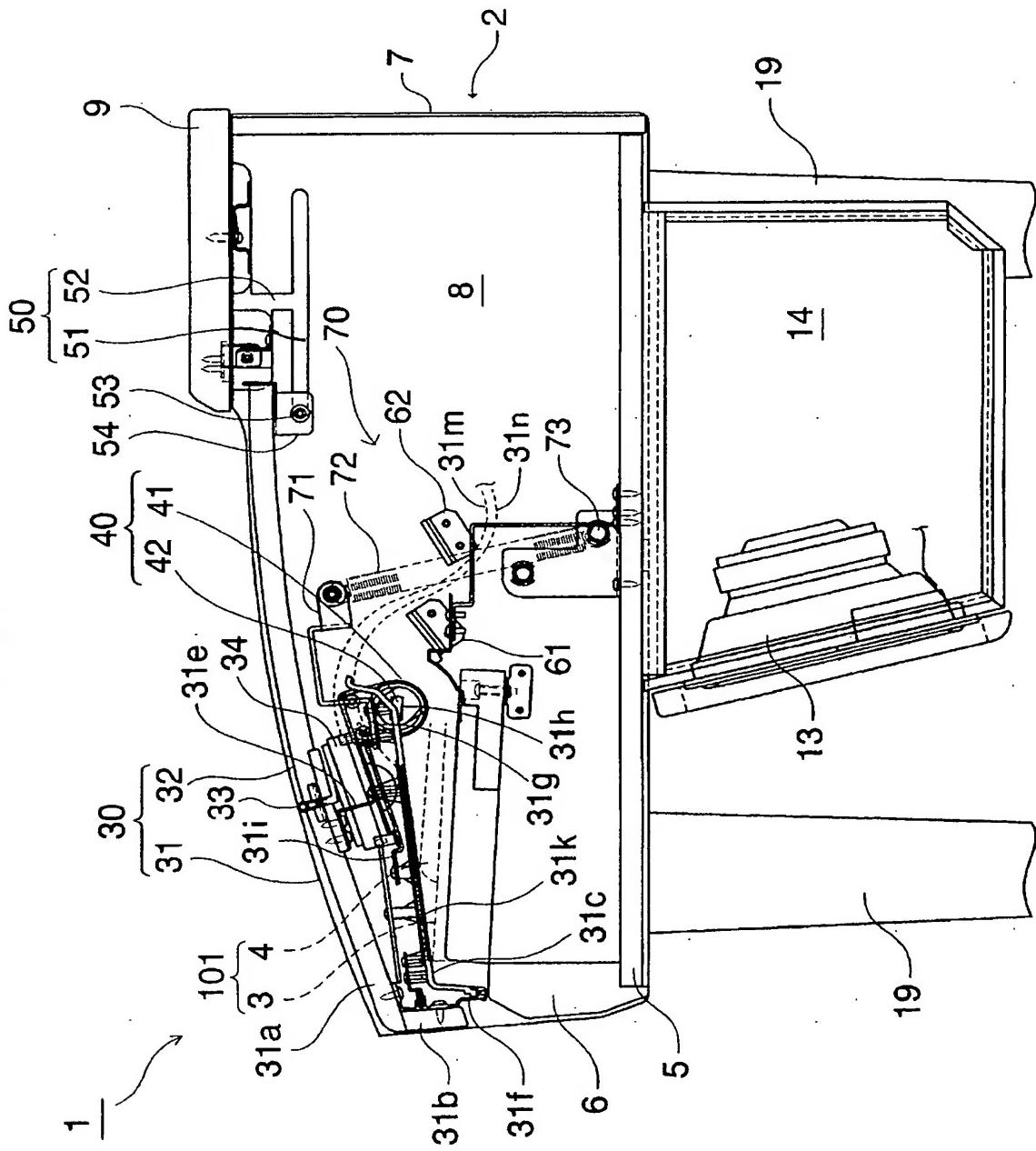
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REPLACEMENT SHEETS

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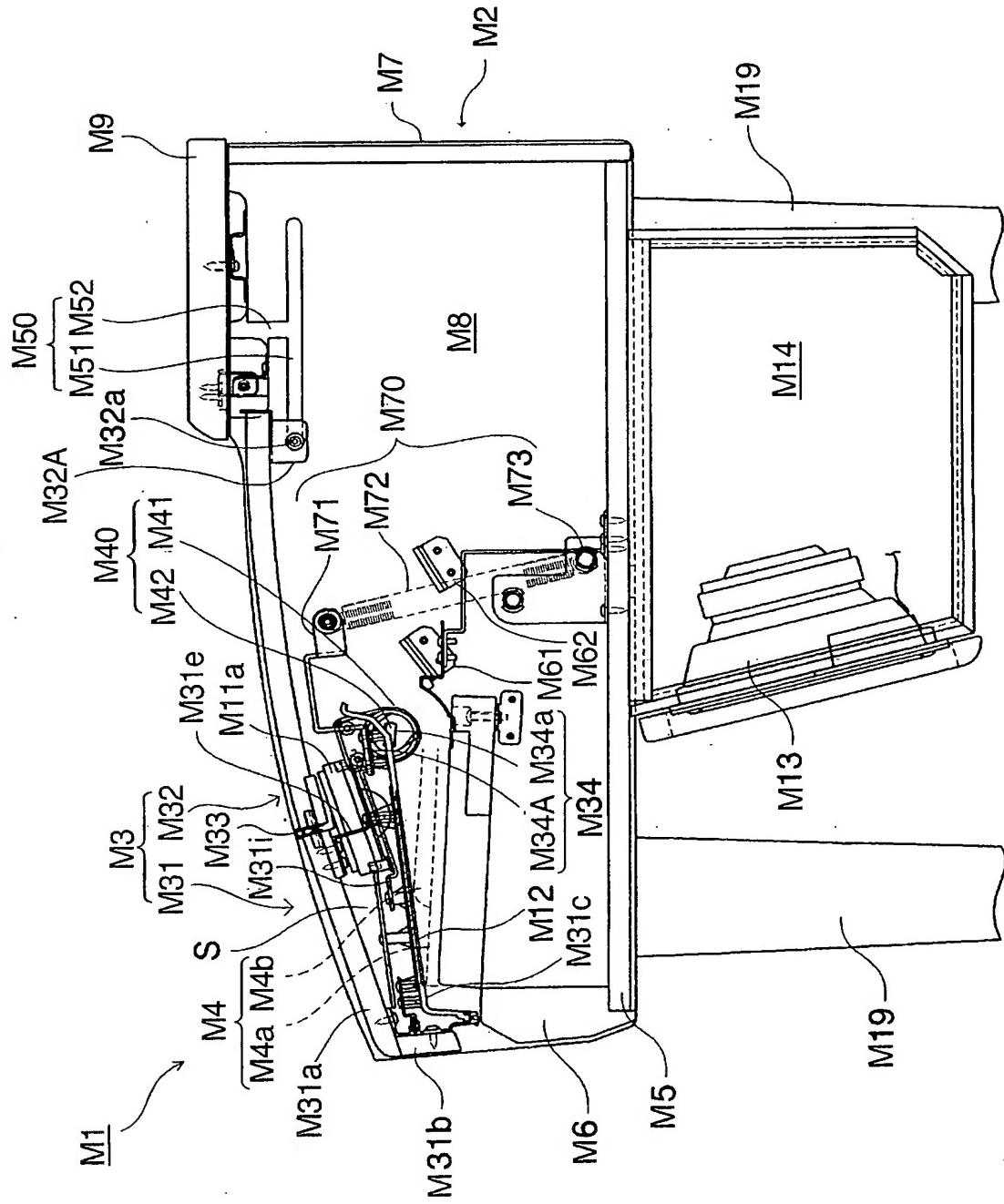
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FIG. 1



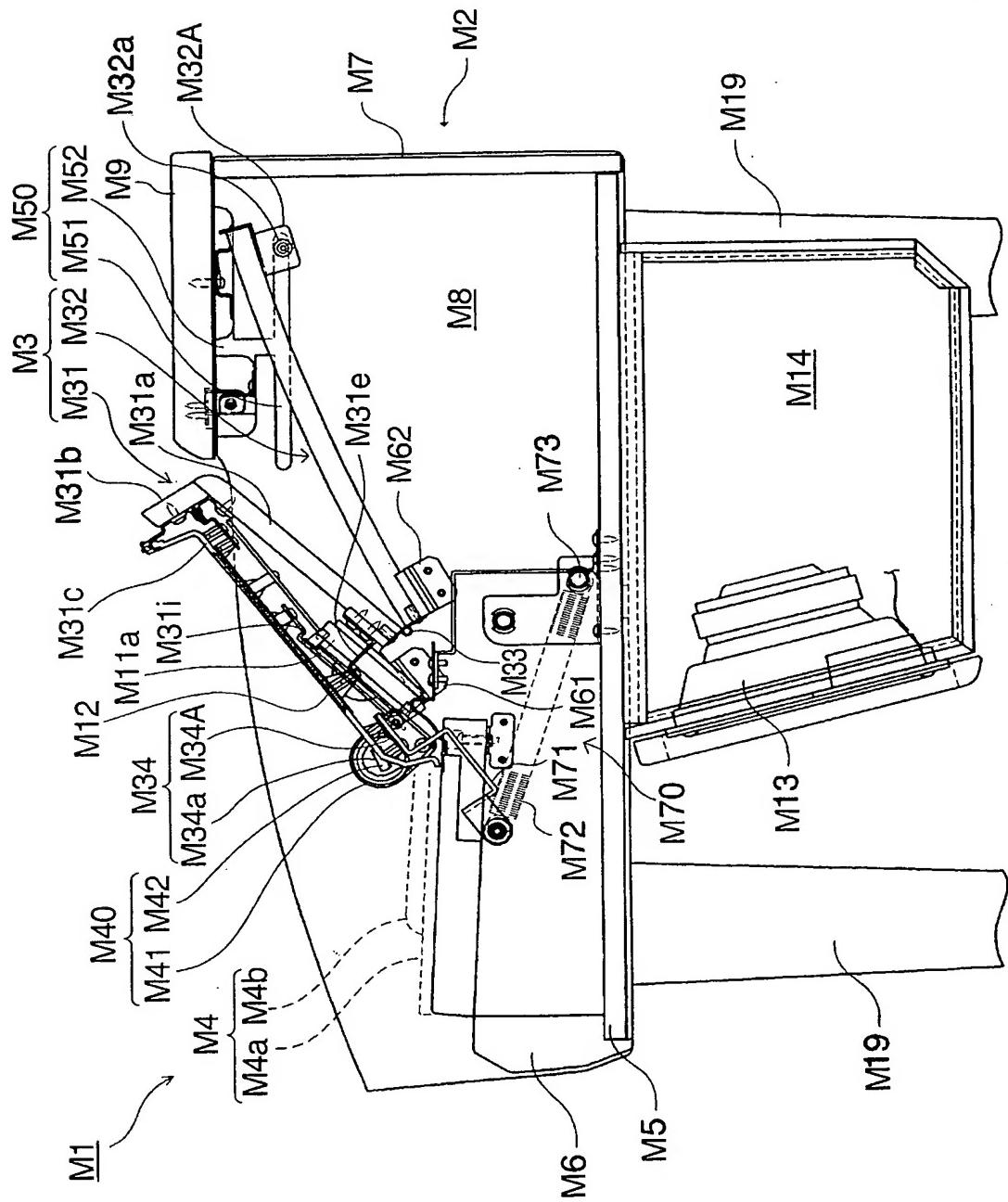
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FIG. 13



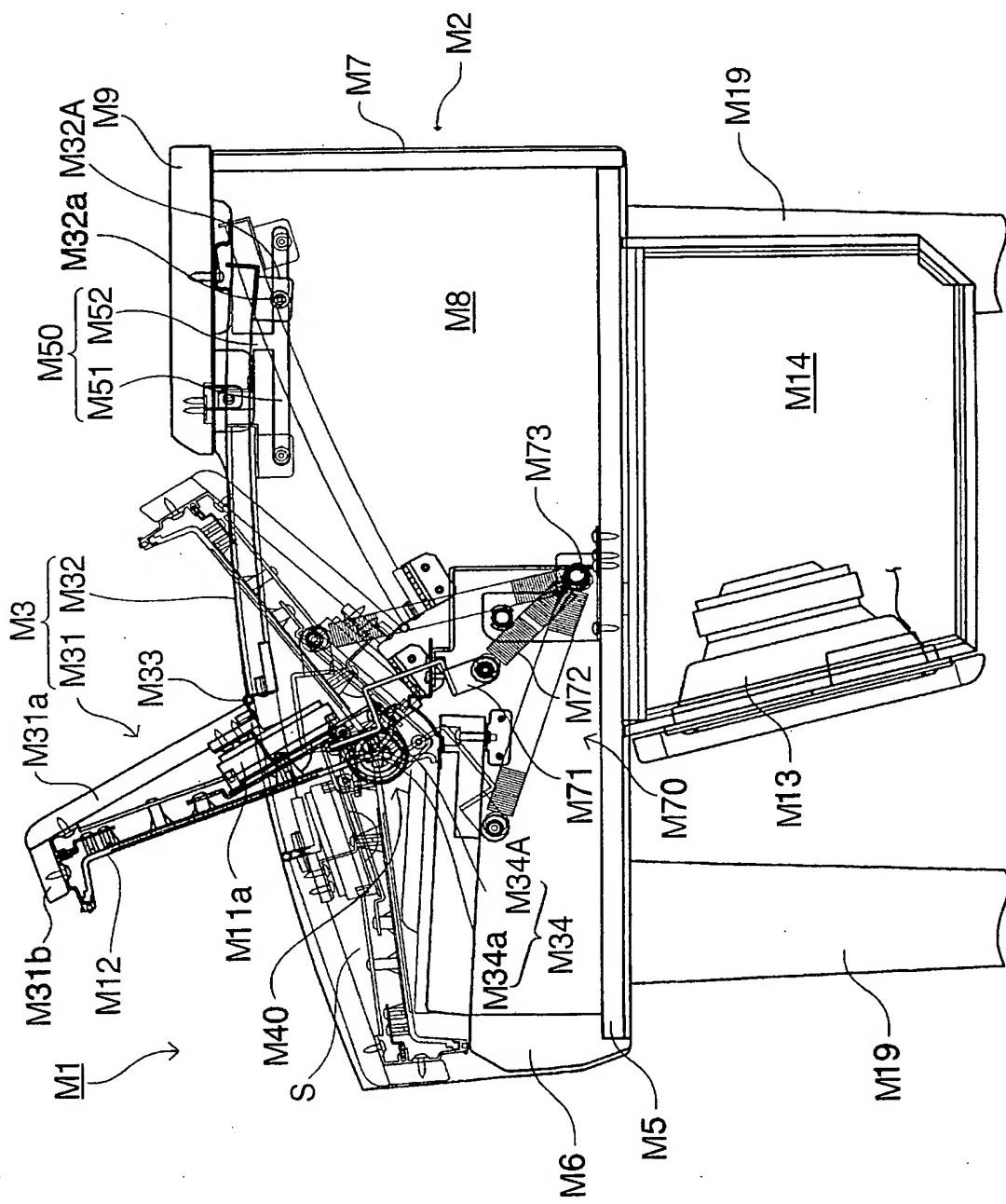
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FIG. 14



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FIG. 15



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FIG. 18

